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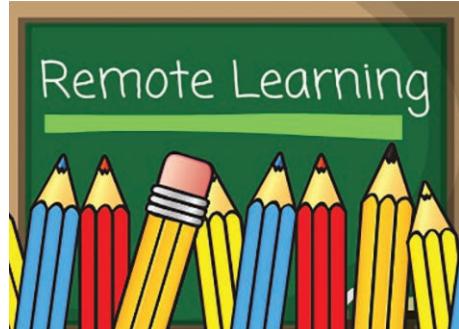
A LESSON FROM NONA

*Overseeing the home
“classroom” is no
walk in the park*

BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

Distance learning. We've been told that just logging in to the virtual classroom isn't enough. For most elementary school students, in order to gain knowledge and develop skills through a computer it's necessary to have a teacher in the same room, and that role is now typically being filled by a parent or other caregiver. Hartford is one of those cities that have a very high number of grandparents raising grandchildren. Taking on the role of teacher in the digital age at a more advanced age comes with challenges, not the least of which is mastering the technology involved, and hoping that the same thing is happening on the "real" teacher's end.

"Nona" is one such grandmother. A Hartford resident in her mid-60s, she's also a retired educator. With some assistance from her husband ("Grandpa"), Nona has been spending four days a week facilitating and overseeing her granddaughter's distance learning, while the kindergartener's



parents are at their full-time jobs. Anna, who does not live in Hartford, is a very bright little girl, and has always been very comfortable with--and attached to--her grandparents. But this is a new ball game, and Nona, previously always a very patient person, had this to say during week two of her new role.

"Today was a flop. Only because Anna is a very compliant child did we get through the lessons. Sweet Jesus! They expect them to be able to mute and unmute. Needless to say, you can't hear the teacher with the background noise--including parents--it's so loud. The first part using the specified 'activity' took forever, because once again there is no sound. So we kicked that one to the curb. The next one was okay, but the mouse pad requires you to press really hard and hold it down in order to make a line or mark. Taking a pic was super easy. Tom did the math lesson; it was a hands-on activity that went well. But he said he never had her mute, as she wouldn't have time to unmute to respond. He had great difficulty identifying which online solo activity they were supposed to do for math, and he isn't sure they did the right one. After lunch was "social studies". What a bust! The teacher



Dancers Unite in Bushnell Park

On Saturday, September 5, several dance companies from throughout the Greater Hartford region united to present the Columns Dance Festival in Bushnell Park. Above are JoJo Rodriguez, Myles Hunter and Katherine Garcia from the Sonia Plumb Dance Company. At right is Ashley Naomi from Distinct Movement (other dancers in the group were Loren Milledge and Chantal Edwards. Other dance groups that performed Saturday night were: Ekklesia Contemporary Ballet, The Royal Czr Dance Company, IMMIX Dance Project and Ballet Hartford.



Hartford...Once Upon a Time



Three of these four handsome apartment buildings are still located on Broad Street between Ward and Jefferson Streets. The third one from the right has been demolished. From the look of the cars, the photo was probably taken some time in the 1960s. (Photo courtesy of the Hartford History Center, Hartford Public Library).

NEWS BRIEFS

MARG Meets TONIGHT

The Maple Avenue Revitalization Group (MARG) will hold its monthly meeting at 6 pm on Thursday, September 10, in the lower level of Saint Augustine Church, 10 Campfield Avenue, Hartford. Representatives from Freeman Associates will discuss their plans for the Lower Franklin Avenue Streetscape Project. There will also be a discussion of public safety. For more information, call Hyacinth Yennie at 860-296-5543.

Rally for Safer Streets this Sunday

The family and friends of Luis "Danny" Rodriguez will hold a "Who's Streets? Our Streets" rally this Sunday, September 13 from 11 am - 4 pm. The rally will be held at 230 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, near the spot where Rodriguez was struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver in a horrible accident on August 13. The public is invited to come and raise their voices to demand that Hartford streets be made safer for pedestrians and motorists.

Zion Hill Cemetery Beautification Project Sept. 12 & 20

On September 12th and September 20th, the Friends of Zion Hill Cemetery (FOZHC) are seeking volunteers to help with the first phase of its gateway improvement project at Zion and Ward Streets (in the Frog Hollow neighborhood, just north of Trinity College). The group will be creating beds beneath the flowering trees and planting bushes, bulbs and perennials. This project is being funded by the City of Hartford's Love Your Block program and Sustainable CT and our 60-day fundraising campaign. The City of Hartford Department of Public Works will be providing mulch and Love Your Block will be providing tools for the event and free T-shirts for volunteers. The event will begin at 9:30 and last until 12:30 both days. Volunteers may come and go as you please. If you would like to volunteer, email to carey@homebyhand.org with your name, phone number and T-shirt size.

City Council Virtual Public Comment and Meeting September 14

On Monday, September 14, the Hartford Court of Common Council will hold a virtual public comment and City Council meeting via the WebEx platform. These meetings will be broadcasted and recorded by Hartford

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OPINION:**An Open Letter to Hartford's City Council**

I am a community leader for the ACLU Smart Justice. I am also a resident of Hartford and also currently reside in Hartford. Hartford mayor Luke Bronin is looking for community input for changes to the CPRB. As a community member actively trying to make positive changes in my community, I would like to propose these changes.

1.) I believe that the mayor should not have a say as to who goes on the board. Members should be voted on by the community and no party affiliation should be able to have an ultimate decision or sway. A civilian board should be voted on or recommended by civilians. This is to prevent distrust and/or possible corruption in the future.

2.) In no way whatsoever should the police union have a say in any meeting--period! The Civilian Police Review Board represents the community and its foremost allegiance is to the community.

3.) Body cameras and videos and all relatable material should be available to the complaint cases in a timely and expedited manner when requested by the board to be able to review cases fairly. This also includes dash-cams and audio.

4.) Disciplinary records and previous complaints against police officers serving on the Hartford police force should also be made available to show if a pattern is emerging.

5.) In the cases of racial slurs, language, profanity, or any type of misconduct or complaint before and after review, a compilation of the police officer's town or city where they live is to be also made. Why? If a racial

systemic pattern is emerging then it is also the town or city's duty to address these issues on a larger scale.

6.) All findings must be available to the public. This is essential for transparency to the very community it is serving.

7.) Any complaint that comes back with a no finding from the police Chief or representative for Internal Investigations, or both after being sent with an actual finding by the CPRB, must come with lawful evidence to back up their no finding claim. If there is a history of this pertaining to certain complaints, then these findings must be held and preserved and reviewed for possible legal changes in General Statutes. Lack of legal evidence does not mean moral violations and must be reviewed and fixed to better our community.

8.) In section D) Operations Part (10) Page 4, it states that the police Chief will designate a non-voting designee of his/her choice to be present at all meetings...no, absolutely not. This opens up way too many options for corruption and leaks into the very department being reviewed. Why this was allowed in the first place makes absolutely no sense. Civilians aren't privy to police operations and/or investigations of citizens, therefore there should be no leeway for a police department to be allowed to be privy into every detail and aspect of an investigation into complaints that can contain serious content, and even life threatening sensitive material. It also allows a door for retaliation to be opened. I hope you consider my recommendations and thank you for your time and patience.

Signed,
Will; an ACLU "Smart Justice" leader

Hiding in Plain Sight

Lawbreakers just want to have fun with a little help from their friends—the Hartford Police Department

COMMENTARY BY ANNE GOSHDIGIAN

To HPD: Thanks for nothing!

I saw you. Yes, I saw you last Sunday night lining Wethersfield Avenue on both sides of the street in your multiple cruisers, a Tahoe, and the big white van. This was no DUI check; you were just sitting in your parked vehicles. And I know you also saw the same things I did because you were right there when they happened, and you didn't move an inch. When I waited to pull out of my driveway near the corner of Morris Street, right across from Colt Park, the traffic signal there turned red—solid red, not yellow. Three cars in a row heading south all blew through that red light; they didn't even slow down. You might remember that spot, because that's where a motor scooter driver who had the green light came out of Morris, turned left on the avenue, and was killed right in front of my house by a speeding car on Wethersfield that also blew through that same red light. That was almost exactly one year ago. You were there tonight. You did nothing.

It was busy on the avenue that night. As I made my way south, at right about the point where Luis "Danny" Rodriguez was killed by one car racing another while riding his bicycle a month ago, two speeders passed me on the right. You saw it, and did nothing. A little further along there was a large group standing around where there were people shooting off illegal fireworks (rockets) and also the ones that make the sounds of repetitive gunfire. You just sat there and did...nothing. On my way back home, near the traffic light close to where the

woman who'd fallen in the middle of the avenue was killed by a speeding car two years ago, you and I both watched as three dirt bikes that were behind me drove around me and right through the solid red light. You saw it and you did nothing. Yet a week earlier, you set up speed traps on Scarborough Street and other parts of the most exclusive and peaceful area of Hartford, close to the West Hartford line. Let me guess. An irate resident—perhaps an elected or appointed city official—made a call to someone even higher-up in the Hartford pecking order and you were told to "do something" about it. But when similar complaints are called in from the poor side of town...crickets.

Stop spreading lies to the media. Stop saying "Wethersfield Avenue is not a speedway". I don't want to hear or read anymore how you've "stepped up enforcement". Put a lid on the outdated and skewed data. I live there. I see it all the time, and so do the other area residents. And we know you see it too. So what do you do? Nada, zip, zilch, nothing. Put up or shut up, HPD. Our street has been taken over by the lawless and you turn a blind eye. And the question remains: Why? What will it take before the city administration tells you to start enforcing the law? Another death, maybe this time a child walking to or from one of the three schools on the avenue? When the HAZMAT truck is once again sent out to clean up the blood and gore in the road? We pay for your protection through our taxes; so far it's been a raw deal.

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**Politically Speaking**

*A Fresh Look at Issues
Facing our Region & State*

BY MIKE MCGARRY

"CRANKS"

According to Gary "Pops" O'Maxfield, local baseball historian, "cranks" at a baseball game were those who called out to the opposition or umpires from the sidelines. For example, "What you mean strike? Get a pair of glasses ump!" or "Take me out my arm is sore, I don't want to pitch no more."

Your observer has been called, over the years, a "crank" for various opinions: overtaxation, poor government services, official overreach, etc, etc...and lately Hartford's criminally high car insurance rates. Time has smoothed out some of the wrinkles but, we guess, apt descriptions will out.

However, today it seems that the most obvious "cranks" are at, or at least near, top leadership. For example, the accused rapist, accused Russian agent, accused business cheat (remember, just accused by his personal lawyer and supposed victims) is now running (after a fashion) the country.

What sets us off on this tangent is

not only himself, but also our senior senator, who now is on his 1000th media campaign – this time against a utility that got a bad weather report. We guess "crank" fits well in this case.

We miss however, our lovable Doctor Larry Deutsch on Hartford City Council, who, fitting the role, did quite a job unmasking the foibles of various administrations and, in his opinion, council majority votes. Agree with him or not, we all miss a politician who truly thinks the king is naked.

The most interesting debate this fall will be between the two vice presidential candidates. The Democratic candidate is rapidly fitting our view of a "crank" while the current vice president is anything but (not to his credit). Imagine being in his shoes, at least he can't be fired (like all the generals).

Suggestion: let's all take a media holiday for the last two weeks of the coming election as the "crankery" will certainly be evident from both sides.

SINA Back to School Give-Away

The Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance (SINA) recently coordinated a back to school supply drive with their three partner institutions, Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Hartford Hospital, and Trinity College. The drive provided backpacks with school supplies for 105 students and school supply kits for another 20 children who live in the Frog Hollow neighborhood.



Celeste Jorden lives off of Park Street with her son Percy. His old backpack had a broken zipper and they had just been discussing replacing it before he starts the year at Hartford Public High School where he is enrolled in a program for autistic youth. They weren't sure how they would manage that because of Celeste's multiple health concerns. She has only left the house for doctor's appoint-

ments since the start of the pandemic and doesn't have a car.

Then she received a knock on the door. It was Logan Singerman, the Director of Community Partnerships and Communications at SINA. He was asking families if they needed backpacks.

"It takes a special person to actually come knock on your door," said Celeste. "My son was excited and grateful for the backpack. He told me 'mommy, now we don't need to get a new backpack and we don't have to leave the house.'"

Every year SINA distributes backpacks to the children who live in their apartment buildings. Due to the pandemic their normal funder was unable to provide the school supplies. They decided to reach out to the institutional partners who

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**OPP Light Up The Darkness Run
For Equity this Saturday**

Our Piece of the Pie (OPP) will host a free, non-competitive 5k run to raise funds for the Hartford Youth Service Corps on Saturday, September 12.

The Light Up The Darkness run will begin at 8 p.m. sharp at the Pump House at Bushnell Park and end at Agave on Allyn Street for a socially distant celebration. The run will adhere to state/city guidelines surrounding public gatherings. Please remember to bring your own hand sanitizer and face coverings! The focus of this event is to raise awareness for the need

of Equity in our communities and to raise awareness about the work of Our Piece of the Pie and the Youth Service Corps in Hartford. The event will be co-hosted by NODADBOD, a local organization focused on self-betterment.

The Youth Service Corps, powered by OPP, is an integral part of a Hartford plan engaging youth in their futures, education, and employment through a year of paid service-learning projects.

For more information on Saturday's event, go to: opp.org/lightupthedarkness/

Voting by Absentee Ballot Tips!

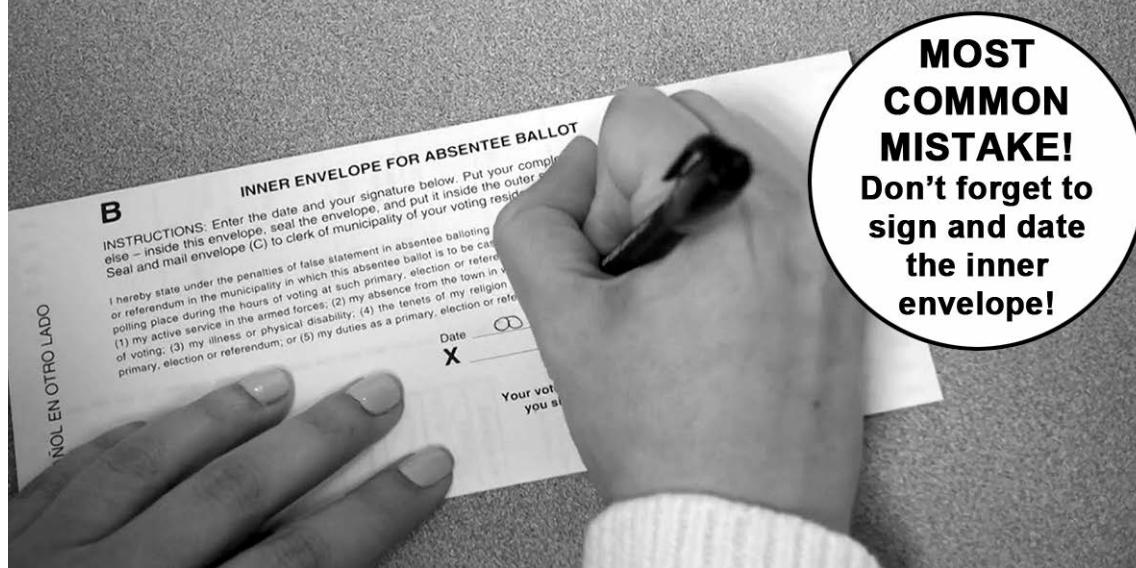
Making sure your vote is counted

BY DONNA SWARR

If you've always gone to a polling station on Election Day and are comfortable going to the

11th. It will allow you to request an absentee ballot due to the pandemic (the first check box).

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polls in November, sure go ahead, vote at your polling location. But, have you found that sometimes the day didn't go the way you thought it would? And, oops, you get home, realized that you forgot, and are just too tired to go back out? Or maybe you still want to avoid public places and are concerned about a second wave of the pandemic?

In the August Presidential Primary, 1% of the ballots were not counted. Why not? Well, there are some problems or issues that can happen and just to be sure it doesn't happen to you, read on. Research has proven that ballot drop boxes can improve overall voter turnout; Hartford's voting results have been poor. FYI, ballot boxes are bolted to the ground. A form to request an absentee ballot is being sent out to every registered voter in the state between September 9th and September

What to do if you don't get one:

1. Go online and check your voter registration information, <https://portaldir.ct.gov/sots/LookUp.aspx>.
2. It could have been sent to an old address, or maybe you need to re-register. If you haven't voted in a while, you may have been dropped from the voting list. You will need to re-register online at <https://voterregistration.ct.gov/OLVR/welcome.do>. If that is the case, you can pick up an absentee ballot at City Hall in the Town Clerk's Office or request one to be mailed to you, (English) <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SOTS/ElectionServices/Absentee-Ballot-Application-ED-3/ED-3-Rev-20-Final.pdf>, (Spanish) <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SOTS/ElectionServices>
3. Once you get the form, you'll need to mail it back indicating that you want an absentee ballot. Do it right away. The absentee ballots will be mailed by the Secretary of State Office on October 2nd. If it doesn't arrive by October 15, you can pick one up at City Hall, fill it out, and return it right then.

Once you do get your absentee ballot in the mail, fill it in and mail it right back or drop it off at one of the ballot boxes. Below are some tips to be sure that your vote will be counted.

1. Check your voting registration to be sure you are listed as an active voter or you won't be able to vote at the polling location, if not, reregister online.
2. Don't skip a line. Don't leave an extra mark. Don't use a red

A Lesson from Nona

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read a book, but half of it we couldn't hear. I am hoping she is more engaging in person. Then the students were supposed to say two things they liked. While Anna was trying to unmute, it closed down, and had to restart from scratch. Then she was hurried because they were running out of time. But the teacher never finished the lesson, what the students had in common and what was different. Out of time. And I don't know what she thought the object was, because there were only two the same; so much for that. Then we had an activity which we closed out too soon because we didn't see any way to get to the next page. Ugh! So we did the lesson and took pictures and emailed them. I have no idea if there was more to do because Anna was done! And I had a migraine by that point. I am not willing to do this past the last week of September."

If you'd like to share anything about your young child's experience with distance learning, the role you or a caregiver play in it, and any tips or advice that have made the process easier, please send an email to hartfordnews@aol.com. We'll be compiling them for a future article.

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New Flea Market Coming this Weekend!

The new Capital Flea Market will open Saturday, September 12, at 1 Pequot Street, located off Market Street just north of Downtown Hartford.

The market will be open from 7am - 4pm on Saturdays and Sundays through November 29.

The new market will have a wide range of items, including food, clothes, shoes, jewelry, art, hair and skin care products and much more.

Admission is free; parking is available for \$5.

The Capital Flea Market will comply with all COVID-19 restrictions. You must wear a face mask and follow entrance and exit pathways. Please maintain an adequate distance from other shoppers when possible.

Bottom Line –VOTE!



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with a cold house
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News & Views



HARTFORD HAS IT



ASYLUM HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
From the
Executive Director
BY DAVID MACDONALD

The Fall is coming and children are returning to school, so it must be time for AHNA Board of Directors elections soon. Our Nominations and Governance Committee has sent out notice to AHNA members asking interested people to send us their nominations. We are starting the process earlier than in the past to provide more transparency and more time for AHNA members to learn about the candidates or to decide to run themselves. If you'd like an application, need more information about being a director of AHNA, or have any questions, please contact me at exdir@asylumhill.org.

To be elected as a Director, you must be AHNA member in good standing. Directors are expected to attend the monthly BOD meeting, monthly General Meeting and join at least one committee. That's a minimum of three meetings per month. Our next General neighborhood meeting will take place on Monday, September 14th at 6:15pm on Zoom. At our General Meeting on Monday October 5th we will present the nominees to date and accept any new nominations from the floor. General Meetings will continue with Zoom until further notice.

Join our email list to receive noti-

factions and zoom links every month. We hope you will consider being a candidate and bring your valuable experience to help us improve the quality of life in Asylum Hill.

Our Love Your Block projects are coming along very well. Painting for the Marshall Street mural will start in early September. Contact AHNA if you're interested in helping with the painting. The Asylum Hill Pollinator Garden project has been completed. We have 6 new pollinator gardens that support bees and butterflies, at Immanuel Congregational Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, Grace Lutheran Church, Asylum Hill Congregational Church, Youth Challenge and St. Joseph's Cathedral. The project also completed a neighborhood cleanup around Woodland Street, Farmington Avenue and Niles Street. About 40 volunteers collected more than 20 bags of garbage and we celebrated together at Grace Lutheran with good food and music.

We invite all our partners, stakeholders and residents to attend the annual meeting on Monday November 2nd and to help us launch our new year of activity for 2021 with a focus on revitalizing Farmington Avenue.

CRCOG

Administrative Assistant/Transportation Planner/Community Development Senior Planner wanted: The Capitol Region Council of Governments seeks applicants for these three positions. Please go to <http://www.crcog.org/jobs/> for job descriptions and application instructions. EOE/M/H/F

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Se busca asistente administrativo/planificador de transporte /planificador principal de desarrollo comunitario: el Consejo de Gobiernos de la Región del Capitolio busca candidatos para estos tres puestos. Vaya a <http://www.crcog.org/jobs/> para obtener descripciones de puestos e instrucciones de solicitud. EOE/M/H/F

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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Neighborhood Cleanup Celebration

BY LYNN JOHNSON

On Sunday August 30, we held our Love your Block Clean Up and Celebration at Grace Lutheran Church in Hartford. More than 45 volunteers came from the Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association, Grace, Trinity and Immanuel Churches and Catholic Charities Asylum Hill Family Center.

There were people of all ages, races and religions. We picked up bags and bags of trash from 4 city blocks. We covered from Woodland down Niles to Sigourney, up Sigourney down Farmington and back to Woodland, including the cross streets; Gillett, Forest and Marshall. Everyone wore masks and gloves, worked hard and did a great job!

We returned to Grace for a boxed meal provided by Hands on Hartford with a treat from Ice Cream for a Dream. Sinan Bakir entertained us with his jazz guitar. We heard from John Boiano of Insight Solar, who had just installed panels on Grace's roof. Bill Heiden, whose son had developed Hydroponic Gardens kits for installation, spoke of the hydroponic garden growing food at Grace for the neighborhood. And we celebrated the six Pollinator Gardens growing on neighborhood churches' properties.



Special thanks go to Madeleine Hykes of Love your Block, who handled registration and distribution of clean up equipment, Pastor Rick Kremer who hosted the event at Grace, Bernie Michel who provided sound and photography, Louisa Barton Duguay who organized drinks, seating and serving the meal, and Sustainability CT and Immanuel's Environmental Action Committee who provided funds for the event.

And thanks to all the volunteers who made our clean up so successful. It was a glorious evening!

South Marshall Gets a Little Free Library



There's been a free food pantry in front of 202 Laurel St for several years now, and it's gotten a lot of use. But it's not the only nourishment that's needed. So September 4th was the day that everything came together, most especially the weather, to allow the installation of the Little Free Library on S. Marshall St. It has been a plan for many months to supplement the occasional "Pop-up" events on South Marshall St that provide food and information along with books, especially the books, to the parents and children who live there. The Little Free Libraries have been turning up all across the

country, to foster reading skills and the knowledge that comes with them. They're needed here in Asylum Hill as well. Hopefully this will complement the free food pantry on Laurel St.

It was not a quiet event. The location was selected and approved early on, and then after the rains had softened the soil a bit, the hole was dug that morning. Flyers were posted letting everyone know that the "pop-up" would be happening that afternoon from 5:00 – 6:30pm. So when the library on a pole arrived, the children were already there to help put it in place. At the same time the various

tables were set up for all the other services that are usually offered, especially those that are most timely now like participating in the Census, and registering to vote.

Given the time of year, Louisa was there with a harvest of fresh vegetables to be shared, tomatoes especially. David MacDonald, AHNA's Executive Director, has a table with AHNA Literature, including applications for anyone interested, to become a member of AHNA.

Christiane Pimentel, from Wheeler Clinic came with school supplies and dozens of backpacks in a variety of colors to distribute to the children as well.

Just as we were getting ready to close up for the evening Nancy Rion noticed the rainbow in the eastern sky. We took that as a sign of an auspicious conclusion to a good effort and a good day. More photos are at <http://bit.ly/LFLsmarshall>



EXPLORING ASYLUM HILL FARMER'S MARKETS

While Asylum Hill is blessed with the most Community Gardens of any Hartford neighborhood, we don't actually have a Farmer's Market located in our neighborhood. We are, however surrounded by them, and they are all less than a 5 minute walk outside of Asylum Hill.

The first one to begin the week is the Frog Hollow Farmers Market at 75 Laurel Street on Mondays from 11:00am-2:00pm. It is operated by KNOX so you can email christopherg@knoxhartford.org. for more info. They expect to be open at least until Oct. 5th. When I stopped by, Derrick Bledward was the only farmer selling his produce, but he had a good variety available. His "farm is right there so food can be picked and sold in less than an hour.

On Tuesdays, the West End Farmers Market at Clemens Place Green, 385 Farmington Ave

runs from 4:00pm-7:00pm until 9/29 & then 3:00pm-6:00pm in October. This one has been around for a long time, and they typically have six or more vendors, and this time that included Vegan Ahava, a food truck from New Haven. They accept SNAP / EBT / Doubled / Sr & WIC. For more information reach out to - manag-



er@wefm.org.

The Homestead Farmers Market at 255 Homestead Avenue is operated by Chrysalis Center and is open every Wednesday until Oct. 14th from 2:00 - 5:00pm.

Some of the food they sell there is grown by them in their hydroponic garden, (especially leafy greens like their basil) or at one of their plots. Email Jon Mitchell at jmittell@chrysaliscenterct.org SNAP / EBT / Doubled / Sr & WIC.

On Saturdays the Promise Zone

Community Farmers Market runs from 9:00am to 12:00 noon through the end of October. They are at 425 Woodland Street, just south of the Woodland Post Office. They are operated by North Family Life Centers and

Hartford Hunger Action Team. They have a wide variety of food items as well as other vendors, including a healer and someone who sells sheets and towels. Email - pcfarmersmarket@gmail.com

Photos of the markets are available at: <http://bit.ly/FarmMktNear>

Fast Facts About The 2020 Census*

- In 2016 Connecticut received more than \$10 billion from federal spending programs guided by the 2010 Census. That money was used to fund schools, health care, highway construction, and student loans among many other areas that touch our daily lives. When people are not counted our community loses out.
- The Census determines how many representatives our state will send to Congress and how our congressional districts will be drawn. State and local governments also use Census data to redraw state legislative districts.
- Census information is confidential and will not be shared with any other government agency.
- The 2020 Census will not have a citizenship question and even if you can't vote you can be counted.
- Be sure to count all people who live in your house, not just family members.
- The Census will never ask for a Social Security number, bank account number, or to pay money.

The Hartford Public Library will be assisting people with the Census and also Voter Registration at the following locations dates and times:

- September 15, Camp Field Library, 3-5 pm
- September 16, Park Library, 10 am-12 pm 744 Park Street (Art Box across the Street from the branch)
- September 17, Dwight Library, Time TBD. 7 New Park Avenue
- September 18, Downtown Library, 12-2 pm, 500 Main Street
- September 23, Park Library, 1:00-3:00 pm, 744 Park Street

For information on how to fill out the Census English and Spanish Language Hours of Operation: Customer Service Representatives are available every day from 7am to 2am Eastern Time on the following phone lines: English: 844-330-2020 or Spanish: 844-468-2020.

*Drawn from "Counting for Dollars 2020" and "2020 Census Faith Toolkit"



ASYLUM HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

From the House BY MATTHEW RITTER

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic underscores the importance of responding to the 2020 Census.

Your response shapes decisions about how billions of dollars in federal funds will flow into communities – including Hartford – each year

would click the "If you do not have a Census ID" link on the login page.

Nearly \$11 billion in federal funding for Connecticut will be determined by the data collected by the census so it's important that we

Nearly \$11 billion in federal funding for Connecticut will be determined by the data collected by the census so it's important that we get it right.

for the next 10 years for critical services like health care clinics, hospitals and emergency services like EMTs and fire departments.

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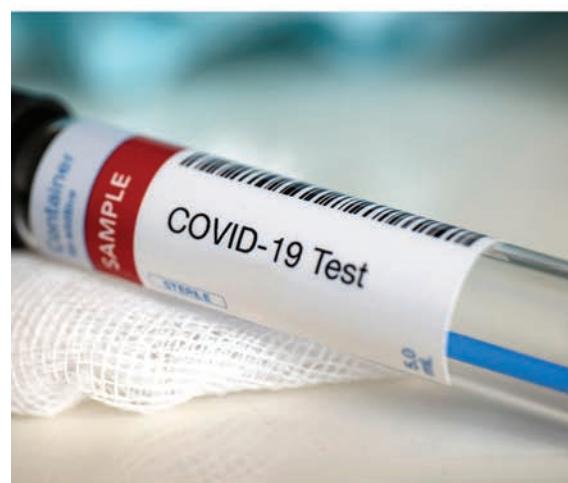
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El Informativo Latino

Los pediatras instan a las vacunas contra la gripe para el regreso a clases para evitar que los síntomas de los estudiantes se confundan con COVID-19.

Mientras los estudiantes de Connecticut regresan a la escuela, los funcionarios de salud pública dicen que es más importante que nunca que los residentes se vacunen contra la gripe. Con los educadores y los padres monitoreando de cerca a los estudiantes en busca de dolor de garganta, fiebre y tos, los síntomas de la gripe podrían confundirse fácilmente con signos



de COVID-19, lo que lleva a un "dilema difícil" para las escuelas, ya que los fabricantes nacionales luchan por proporcionar pruebas de COVID-19 rápidas y precisas.

El Dr. Juan Salazar, médico en jefe de Connecticut Children's y experto en enfermedades infecciosas e inmunología, dijo que cada invierno el hospital se llena de niños que están enfermos de influenza grave. Algunos pacientes jóvenes terminan en unidades de cuidados intensivos, intubados. "La vacunación contra la influenza es algo que debe tomarse en serio y es muy importante independientemente del COVID", dijo. "Ahora, este año en particular ... desea disminuir la cantidad de niños con influenza porque la influenza puede verse como COVID. Va a crear un dilema muy difícil ya que los niños están en la escuela y vuelven a casa con fiebre y enfermedades respiratorias. Va a ser muy difícil diferenciar uno del otro y va a generar mucha ansiedad". El gobernador Ned Lamont expresó preocupaciones similares durante una conferencia de prensa el jueves.

"Cuando se trata de lo que esta-

mos pensando en noviembre, diciembre, la temporada de gripe tradicional, nos preocupamos mucho, especialmente si la gente no recibe su vacuna tradicional contra la gripe, que creo que es muy importante, especialmente este año", dijo. "Los síntomas de la gripe y los síntomas de COVID son muy similares, y si hay confusión en nuestra sala de

torio. En algunos casos, los resultados rápidos deben confirmarse mediante pruebas de laboratorio. La prueba de Abbott también requiere un hisopo nasal por parte de un trabajador de la salud, y la escasez de suministro de hisopos ya ha afectado los esfuerzos de prueba de COVID-19 de EE. UU.

Lamont anunció el jueves el lanzamiento de un "equipo de pruebas de respuesta rápida" que "podrá llegar a una escuela muy rápido en caso de una posible infección ... ya sea una escuela, una universidad, una guardería". "Vamos a asociarnos con nuestros centros de salud calificados a nivel federal en todo el estado y los sistemas hospitalarios, trayendo esta unidad móvil", dijo. "Vamos a trabajar con los funcionarios de salud locales para asegurarnos de que

podamos hacer esto bien".

A través de asociaciones con Jackson Labs y Hartford Healthcare, Connecticut Children's ofrece varios tipos de pruebas de COVID-19, pero, idealmente, Salazar dijo que los pediatras de todo el estado podrían decirles a los padres antes de que salgan del consultorio si su hijo enfermo tiene gripe, COVID-19, ambos, u otra enfermedad.

Anuncio

"Cambia la dinámica de la cuarentena, cambia la dinámica de cuándo se puede volver a la escuela y puede permitir que las escuelas permanezcan abiertas", dijo. "Si detenemos la influenza desde el principio, tendremos menos problemas para diferenciarla [de] COVID-19". By Iris Rodriguez



El álbum de la comunidad

Los espacios públicos son indicadores de vida de una ciudad. Gracias a todos los voluntarios que fueron y participaron en la limpieza en ART-BOX ,769 Park st ,Hartford,Sábado 5 de septiembre de 2020. Trabajaron arduamente y también hicieron que el mural (por el maravilloso Lindaluz Carrillo y sus amigos). Estén atentos para otra limpieza pronto. Gracias Michael Sisko Julie Ann Marie Robinson, todos ustedes fueron de gran ayuda. Si cada uno de nosotros reconocemos nuestra participación como parte fundamental de la cultura ciudadana, podemos lograr que nuestros espacios públicos sigan siendo símbolos representativos de nuestras hermosas ciudades.De parte de Hartford newspapers y La Diferente Radio , gracias a Raul Irizarry y voluntarios por su gran labor en limpieza de ARTBOX.



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Public Access Television (hpatv.org, HPA TV Facebook Page, or channel 96 for Comcast/Xfinity customers). The public comment session will start at 6 pm and the meeting at 7 pm. To sign up to speak, please reach out to David Grant (860) 757-9738, david.grant@hartford.gov. The deadline to register is 5:20 pm, Monday, September 13th. Once signed up, participants will be given a conference number and are asked to call in by 5:40pm to receive further instructions.

Mexican Independence Day September 16

Greater Hartford's Mexican-American community will celebrate their homeland's independence at the State Capitol, 210 Capitol Avenue, Hartford on Wednesday, September 16, at 11:00 am. Lt. Gov. Susan Bysewicz and Mexican Consul Islas López will both speak at the event. The event will be followed by a flag raising ceremony at approximately 12 noon at Hartford City Hall, 550 Main Street. The public is welcome. Please wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines.

"Love Hartford" South End Clean-up Sept. 19

The Love Hartford Anti-Litter Campaign will host a clean-up of Wethersfield Avenue from 10 am - 12 noon on Saturday, September 19. This event is a collaboration with the Hartford Chamber of Commerce and HYPE (Hartford Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs). Coffee from Chamber Member Story and Soil will be provided. Pizza will be provided at the end of the clean up. To register, go to: metrohartford-alliancectassoc.wliinc34.com/events/Love-Hartford-Southend-Edition-3912/register

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SINA Backpacks**Continued from page 2**

make up SINA to ask if they would donate the school supplies to fill the backpacks.

"The response was overwhelming" said Singerman. "We asked them to fill 20 backpacks each for a total of 60 backpacks. They donated so much we had to buy extra backpacks to keep up with their donations." In total the institutions donated over 3,000 items including face masks and bottles of hand sanitizer.

Hartford Hospital's efforts were led by Ariel Pino, Guest Services Manager. CT Children's efforts were led by Jane Baird, Senior Director of External Relations, who within 24 hours of sending out an email had received commitments for school supplies to fill over 50 backpacks. At Trinity College, the campaign was coordinated by Joe Barber and the Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement and received significant assistance from the Trinity College Track and Field Team and the Trinity College Athletes of Color Coalition.

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CRCOG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is preparing its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), a list of transportation projects that will receive federal funds in the next four years, and the associated Air Quality Conformity Analysis (AQCA). These draft documents are available for a public comment period from 9/11/2020 to 10/12/2020 with virtual public meetings on 9/30/2020 at 1pm and 7pm.

Copies of the TIP and AQCA are available on CRCOG's website <http://www.crcog.org/tip>. To obtain a printed copy or to obtain virtual public meeting information, contact Michael Cipriano at (860) 724-4223 or mcipriano@crcog.org. Written comments or questions may be submitted to: Michael Cipriano, Senior Transportation Planner, CRCOG, 241 Main St., Hartford, CT 06106 until 10/12/2020. The TIP and AQCA will be reviewed and endorsed by CRCOG's Transportation Committee on 10/26/2020 and by CRCOG's Policy Board on 10/28/2020. Both of these virtual meetings will begin at noon.

This notice of public involvement activities and time established for public review and comments on the TIP development process will satisfy the FTA's Program of Projects (POP) requirements for proposed transit improvements. The POP is the equivalent of the Transit Element of the TIP.

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Public Involvement Procedures (PIP) are also available for review. Information on the documents and opportunities to provide input are available on the Connecticut Department of Transportation's (CTDOT) website www.ct.gov/dot/stip or by calling (860) 594-2040. Virtual public meetings are scheduled for 9/23/2020. Written comments on the STIP and PIP may be sent to Maribeth Wojenski, Transportation Assistant Planning Director, CTDOT, PO Box 317546, Newington, CT 06111 until 10/9/2020.

Programa de mejora de transporte de CRCOG (TIP)

El Consejo de Gobiernos de la Región del Capitolio (CRCOG) está preparando su Programa de Mejoramiento del Transporte (TIP), una lista de proyectos de transporte que recibirán fondos federales en los próximos cuatro años, y el Análisis de Conformidad de la Calidad del Aire (AQCA) asociado. Estos borradores de documentos están disponibles para un período de comentarios públicos desde el 11/9/2020 al 12/10/2020 con reuniones públicas virtuales el 30/9/2020 a la 1 pm y 7 pm.

Las copias de TIP y AQCA están disponibles en el sitio web de CRCOG <http://www.crcog.org/tip>. Para obtener una copia impresa o para obtener información sobre reuniones públicas virtuales, comuníquese con Michael Cipriano al (860) 724-4223 o mcipriano@crcog.org. Se pueden enviar comentarios o preguntas por escrito a: Michael Cipriano, planificador de transporte para personas mayores, CRCOG, 241 Main St., Hartford, CT 06106 hasta el 12 de octubre de 2020. El TIP y AQCA serán revisados y respaldados por el Comité de Transporte del CRCOG el 26/10/2020 y por la Junta Normativa del CRCOG el 28/10/2020. Ambas reuniones virtuales comenzarán al mediodía.

Este aviso de las actividades de participación pública y el tiempo establecido para la revisión pública y los comentarios sobre el proceso de desarrollo de TIP satisfará los requisitos del Programa de Proyectos (POP) de la FTA para las mejoras de tránsito propuestas. El POP es el equivalente al elemento de tránsito del TIP.

El Programa estatal de mejora del transporte (STIP) y los Procedimientos de participación pública (PIP) también están disponibles para su revisión. La información sobre los documentos y las oportunidades para proporcionar comentarios están disponibles en el sitio web del Departamento de Transporte de Connecticut (CTDOT) www.ct.gov/dot/stip o llamando al (860) 594-2040. Las reuniones públicas virtuales están programadas para el 23/9/2020. Los comentarios por escrito sobre el STIP y PIP pueden enviarse a Maribeth Wojenski, Directora Asistente de Planificación de Transporte, CTDOT, PO Box 317546, Newington, CT 06111 hasta el 9 de octubre de 2020.

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SINA's 14th Annual REACH Awards



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Sirak Hadgu, CREC Impact Academy, Delene Falcon, Elizabeth Giannetta-Ramos, Eric Galm, Abedin Abedini, and Tiana Brathwaite.

Congratulations to the Winners of our 2020 REACH Awards!

Four community leaders were recognized recently with three Neighborhood Service Awards and an Institutional Award from SINA, the Southside Institution Neighborhood Alliance, which is a partnership between Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Hartford Hospital, and Trinity College. SINA also awarded college scholarships to nine Hartford students who demonstrated unusual commitment and promise.

Neighborhood Service Award recipients were CREC Impact Academy, Elizabeth Giannetta-Ramos, and Delene Falcon. Giannetta-Ramos, a founder of Compass Youth Collaborative and its current Director of Partnerships, was honored for her decades-long commitment to Hartford youth. Falcon was recognized for her ongoing contributions to SINA's neighborhood, helping with clean-ups, safety events and the creation of a playground. CREC Impact Academy's award recognized its mission of doing high school differently, with a personalized, hands-on approach for kids who don't thrive in traditional schools.

Eric Galm of Trinity College won SINA's Institutional Award, now known as the Stephen Balcanoff Award to honor the long-term SINA board member who retired after more than 40 years at Connecticut Children's. Galm is Associate Professor of Music and Ethnomusicology, Chair of the Department of Music, Co-Director of the Center for Caribbean Studies, and founder of SambaFest. His programs have directly influenced 60,000 people.

The Ivan Backer Scholarship recipients graduated from Bulkeley High School this year. They are Abedin Abedini, an honor roll student and captain of the soccer and volleyball teams, Tiana Brathwaite, co-president of the National Honor Society, flautist and community activist, and Moctar Mohammatt, who works full time to support himself while making honor roll and playing varsity soccer.

Student Support Scholarship winners from Capital Community College were Amyah Harris, a talented writer, Edward M. Ramirez-Cahuana, a Dean's List student, Gabriella Adriana Bastos-Chaves, studying to become an obstetrician, Khalil K. Howe, the first in his family to attend college, and Paola P. Alvarado-Dominguez, a Dean's List student.

The Kelly Styles STEM Scholarship was developed by Connecticut Children's Information Solutions team to honor their retired colleague. Sirak Hadgu, the scholarship winner, graduated from Bulkeley. While there he played varsity soccer, was a member of the National Honor Society, and participated in a youth training program through Leadership Greater Hartford.

Award and scholarship winners are normally recognized at SINA's annual REACH event, but with the pandemic this year, celebration of their achievements is now virtual. More information about all winners is available on SINA's website, <https://sinainc.org/>.